

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13, and 25 are amended and claims 6, 8, 9, 23, 24, and 27-32 are cancelled. In view of these claim amendments, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Entry of the amendments to claims 1, 7, 13, and 25 is proper under 35 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments; (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Accordingly, entry is proper under 35 C.F.R. §1.116.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-8, 10-23, 25 and 26 and notes that claims 9 and 24 are allowable. This Amendment amends independent claims 1 and 13 to incorporate all the subject matter of respective dependent claims 9 and 24, and any intervening claims, and cancel claims 9 and 24. Claims 7 and 25 are amended to correct their dependencies based on the claim cancellations. Accordingly, claims 1 and 13 are now patentable, as are those remaining claims that depend from claims 1 and 13.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-8, 10-23, 25 and 26 and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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